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INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED FOR OBSCENITY VIOLATIONS

WASHINGTON - Loren Jay Adams, 45, of Indianapolis was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Martinsburg, W.Va., to 33 months in prison for violating federal obscenity laws, announced Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division Matthew Friedrich and U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia Sharon Lynn Potter.

Adams, of Martinsville, Ind., also was ordered by U.S. District Chief Judge John Preston Bailey to serve three years supervised releases and required to forfeit his Web site domain name and all copies of DVDs involved in the case.

On Sept. 30, 2008, a federal jury in Martinsburg convicted Adams of six counts of transporting obscene matters through the U.S. mail and transportation of obscene matters for sale or distribution by means of interstate commerce in February 2008. At trial, the jury heard testimony that Adams operated through his three businesses – Hard2Find Videos; L & J; and L and J – and that he shipped obscene films from Indiana to Martinsburg through the U.S. mail.

At trial, the jury heard that Adams previously had been convicted in 2003 in Marion County, Ind., for violating Indiana statutes prohibiting exhibition of obscene matter and distribution of obscene matter. The conviction was affirmed by the Indiana Supreme Court.

This case was prosecuted by Criminal Division Trial Attorney Pamela Satterfield and the Criminal Division's Obscenity Prosecution Task Force, which is based in Washington, D.C., along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Erin K. Reisenweber from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of West Virginia. The investigation was conducted by the FBI. Assistance was provided by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

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